



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND  
1322 PATTERSON AVENUE, SE, SUITE 1000  
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, DC 20374-5065

5720  
Ser BD/017  
MAR 05 2019

Mr. Richard L. Richardson  
371 Brookley Avenue  
Bolling AFB, DC 20032

Dear Mr. Richardson,

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA); CASE NUMBER  
DON-NAVY-2019-003303

We are writing to respond to your request for "*a redacted copy of the report of investigation regarding Hot Line Complaint: Navy Case 201704550.*"

We are withholding the requested report in full under Exemption 5 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)) because it qualifies to be withheld under the following privilege:

The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The privilege covers records that "reflect the give-and-take of the consultative process" and may include "recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency."

If you consider this to be an adverse determination, you may appeal. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within the web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

The Department of the Navy  
Office of the General Counsel (ATTN: FOIA APPEALS)  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records

Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-01, ogis@nara.gov; (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Abby Machalec, abby.machalec@navy.mil. Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2019-003303 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.A. Pollock', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P.A. POLLOCK  
Chief Management Officer

Copy to:  
NAVFAC (IG)  
NAVFAC (00C)